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animals. No harmful results followed, and the scientist declares that his experiments completely disprove the popular idea. The science of pathology is only in its infancy, and it is quite possible Mr. Eschsch's experiments may lead to some important discovery which will bring about a change in the popular belief that has hitherto been stoutly supported by scientists. There is, however, a great deal of what seems strong evidence against the new theory, not the least of which is the great outbreak of cholera that occurred in Egypt after the war, the cause of which was said to be the pollution of the Nile by dead bodies.

There is one sentence in Lord Knutsford's reply to the Earl of Meath which ought to be treasured up by the unofficial members of the Legislative Council. 'He was distinctly opposed to compulsory legislation on this point—viz forcing against the views

of the unofficial members' legislation by an official vote." Times without number legislation has been forced on Hongkong, against which the unofficial members protested in a body and were supported by the whole community. In the Sunday labour question, the unofficial members merely represent themselves and a very small and interested section of the community. Whether would Lord Knutsford think if a proposal were made to allow mine-owners and mine-owners alone to settle the question of the working of women and children in mines? Yet his proposal to refer the question of Sunday labour in the harbour to the unofficial members is little less preposterous. Besides, even were the merchants in Hongkong anxious to give their employees rest on Sunday, they are not free agents. As a Singapore contemporary points out, they in many cases are but the local agents of the great

steamers between Europe and the Far East, and the essential condition is that all despatch is to be used by agents at intermediate ports such as Singapore and Hongkong. 'It cannot,' says our contemporary, 'be too often repeated that to pretend that the question is capable of settlement by local influence and in accordance with local opinion—apart from legislation, of course—is simply to shelve the whole business.' There remains one voluntary effort that may prove efficacious, at least for a time. The maritime officers themselves may, as we hinted last night, by combination force the hand of the

have not overlooked this important subject, and that they intend to take action on it as soon as they feel they have sufficient force to make their wishes be respected.

The Spanish, like most nations of the Latin race, are very impressionable, given to ebullitions of love and hatred that seta ridiculous in the eyes of the cooler-blooded Anglo-Saxon or Teuton. A Spaniard named Peral constructed a very ingenious submarine boat which, in the opinion of his admirers, was destined to revolutionize naval warfare. Research

with the vessel, and the result was declared to be highly satisfactory. Thereupon the Spanish nation opened wide its arms to embrace the great discoverer. He was received as a hero wherever he went. The Government voted him a large sum of money and made him a Grandee of Castile, while the public rushed to banquet him. The Spanish newspapers were full of his praises. Even torpid Manila caught the infection. Spain has not been noted in the past for the honour she has paid to her really great men. Her rewards were generally exile or death.

weapon has charmed where better means failed. His glory, however, may not last long, for the latest telegraphic news is that technical opinion is against Sir Peral.

Hitherto the submarine vessels constructed have been little better than scientific toys, and if the experts are right Peral's boat must fall into the same category. Doubtless it is a peaceful vessel, but one day he comes trucked to travel under water, but then the world will gain anything by such an invention is very doubtful. Naval warfare will be adjusted to the discovery, as it has been adjusted to so many other discoveries.

The feverishness with which European nations are searching for new and improved weapons of destruction is now a very hopeful sign of the times. But the anxiety is on the whole more the outcome of a desire for securing national defence than of aggressive feelings. The love of war for its own sake, so strong in the Middle Ages, is dying out. There is growing up, as perhaps a result of the increased comfort of modern days, a greater horror of war and the carnage that follows in its train. The poor wretch who has scarcely wherewithal to clothe himself may shudder

his musket with indifference, and for such a country as Montenegro fighting may seem in the natural order of things; but to green industrial peoples like the English and the Germans, war, even if successful, brings widespread calamity. Some think that there will ere long be discovered a weapon so deadly that war will become almost impossible. The *Spectator* evidently does not believe so, for in referring to Mr. Giffard's wonderful invention, it gives forth the following very pessimistic opinion:—"If the chemists invented an explosive so powerful that, when fired

would break down the flesh walls of all human beings within a radius of ten

The Company, having found exactly how far their sphere of operations extends, are hard at work organising. Already they have an army consisting of two hundred Sudanese soldiers and two hundred Indian military police. Moreover, they have

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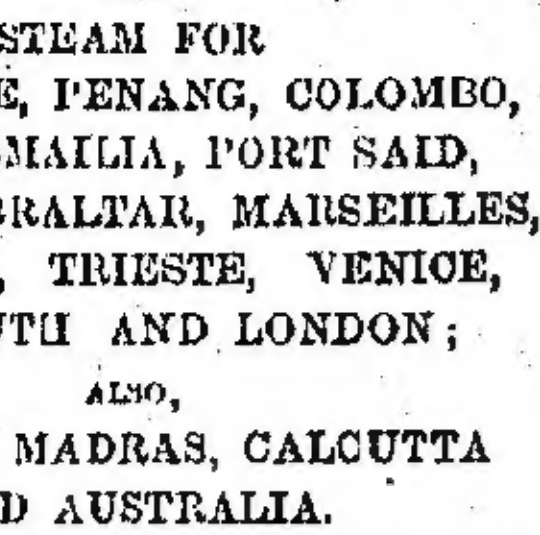
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Albatross	despatch-russet	1700	4	3180	Com. Chas. H. Adair	Yokohama
Carolina	corvette	1400	14	1440	Captain Olutterbuch	Yokohama
Cordelia	cruiser 3rd class	2380	10	2420	Captain H. T. Grenfell	Manila
Rat	g.-bl. 3rd class coast defence.	343	3	340	—	In reserve
Flobrand	gunboat 2nd class	455	4	460	Lieut.-Com. Demison	Hongkong
Hyacinth	cruiser	1420	8	1190	Captain Robt. W. Craigie	Yokohama
Impetuous*	twinscrew battle ship	8400	10	10400	Captain William H. May	Yokohama
Leander	cruiser 2nd class	4300	10	6500	Captain Burgess Watson	Yokohama
Glacier	gun-vessel 2nd class	3750	5	1050	Commander V. A. Tisdall	Chfoo
Mercury	cruiser	3730	13	7200	Chas. J. Ballou	Yokohama
Bellou	gunboat 2nd class	430	4	430	Lieut.-Com. G. H. Yonge	Hongkong
Mortine	sloop	1130	10	1120	Commander J. H. Martan	Yokohama
Pigmy	gunboat	755	6	1200	Lieut.-Com. Hewitt	Nagasaki
Plover	gunboat	755	6	1200	Captain E. G. Rason	Yokohama
Puncher	steel torpedo cruiser	1730	6	3500	Commander R. W. White	Singapore.
Rambler	surveying vessel	530	3	530	Captain L. S. Darr	at a cruise
Rattler	gunb. at 1st class	715	6	1200	Captain J. G. Hough	Shanghai
Redpole	gunboat	805	—	—	Captain F. Wm. Freeman	Hongkong
Savara	corvette	4050	12	500	Captain Hall	Yokohama
Solent	torpedo mining launch	150	—	—	—	Hongkong
Swift	gun-vessel 2nd class	755	5	1010	Com. TheHon. Richard Bingham	Hongkong
Torpedo Boat No. 35	—	95	—	—	—	In reserve
Torpedo Boat No. 36	—	95	—	—	—	In reserve
Tweed	g.-bl. 3rd class coast defence	363	3	340	—	In reserve
Victor Emanuel	cruising ship	5157	14	—	Commandore E. J. Church	Hongkong
Wanderer	—	925	4	750	Commander Clifford	Hongkong
Wolver	coast defence ship, armoured	2750	4	1450	—	Hongkong

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Amiral Korniloff	Russian armored cruiser	6000	18	7000	Captain Alexeyeff	Japan
Amiral Nakhimoff	Russian armored cruiser	8000	22	8000	Captain Fedotoff	Japan
Alceot	Russian gunboat	800	—	—	Captain Parenco	Nagasaki
Alliance	U. S. gunboat	615	—	—	Captain H. O. Taylor	Yokohama
Aragon	Spanish cruiser	1908	—	—	Captain A. Soler	On a cruise
Asie	French gunboat	470	4	450	Commander Jéarot	Shanghai
Chasseur	French despatch-boat	—	—	—	Captain L'epard	Yokohama
Diggit	Russian cruiser	1200	—	—	Commander Vukoff	Stogopore
Ertogroul	Turkish corvette	1750	—	—	Captain Osman Paoba	Yokohama
Illis	German gunboat	489	—	—	Captain Ascher	Yokohama
Lut n	French gunboat	485	4	425	Captain Nény	Touron
Mahdjour	Russian gun-vessel	1100	9	1500	Captain Tobukhin	—
U. S. corvette	U. S. corvette	1000	7	1170	Commander Dyer	Kobe
Monocency	U. S. sloop	1370	6	1150	Lieut.-Com. M. L. Johnson	Shanghai
Omaha	U. S. corvette	2460	12	1470	Capt. Cronwell	Yokohama
Palos	U. S. gunboat	420	6	500	Lieut. Com. Oralg	Nagasaki
Plavier	French gunboat	540	—	420	Lieut.-Commander Bourrat	On kin
Rio Lima	Portuguese gunboat	840	—	—	Captain J. R. Santa Barbara	Meaco
Scout	French transport	—	—	—	—	Haiphong
Shovch	Russian cruiser	900	1	1000	Commander Kasherinnoff	Shanghai
Sophie	German cruiser	2100	—	—	Captain Harbing	Singapore
Swatara	corvette	—	—	—	Commander John McGowan	Kobe
Tejo	Portuguese gunboat	500	3	100	Lieut.-Com. C. R. Caminha	Macao
Triomphante	French cruiser	4500	—	—	Capt. De la Noe	Yokohama
Villars	French cruiser	—	—	—	Captain Mayer	Yokohama
Vireo	French gunboat	480	4	425	Commander Gendot	On a cruise
Yagi	German gunboat	340	4	340	Captain Grefner	—